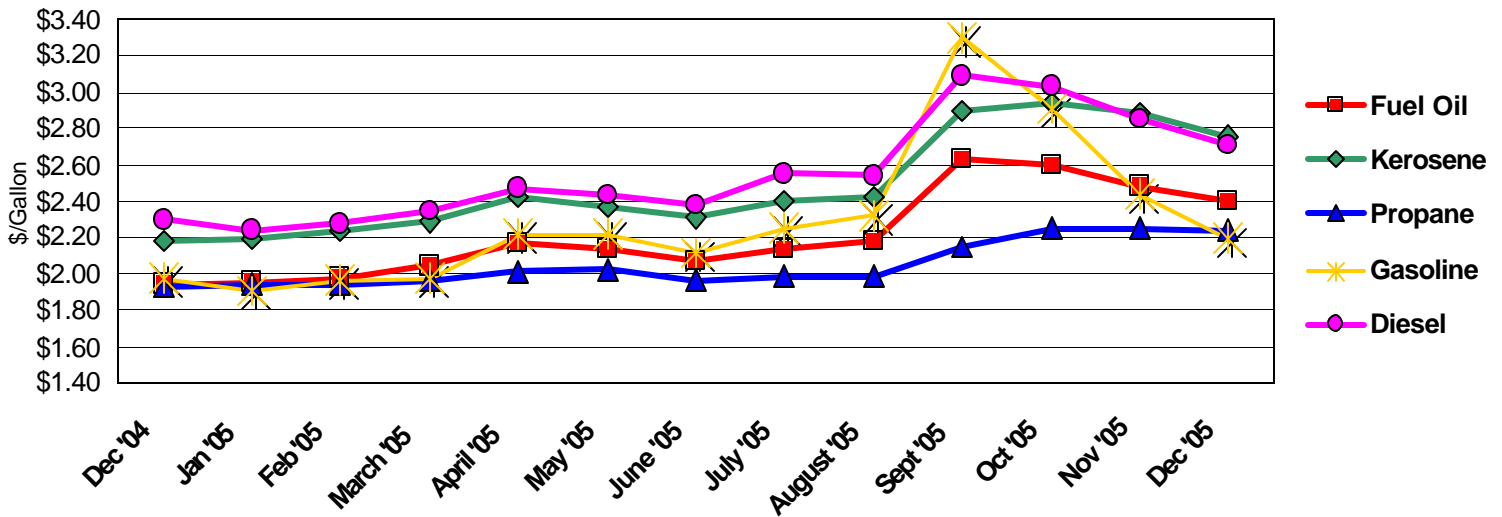


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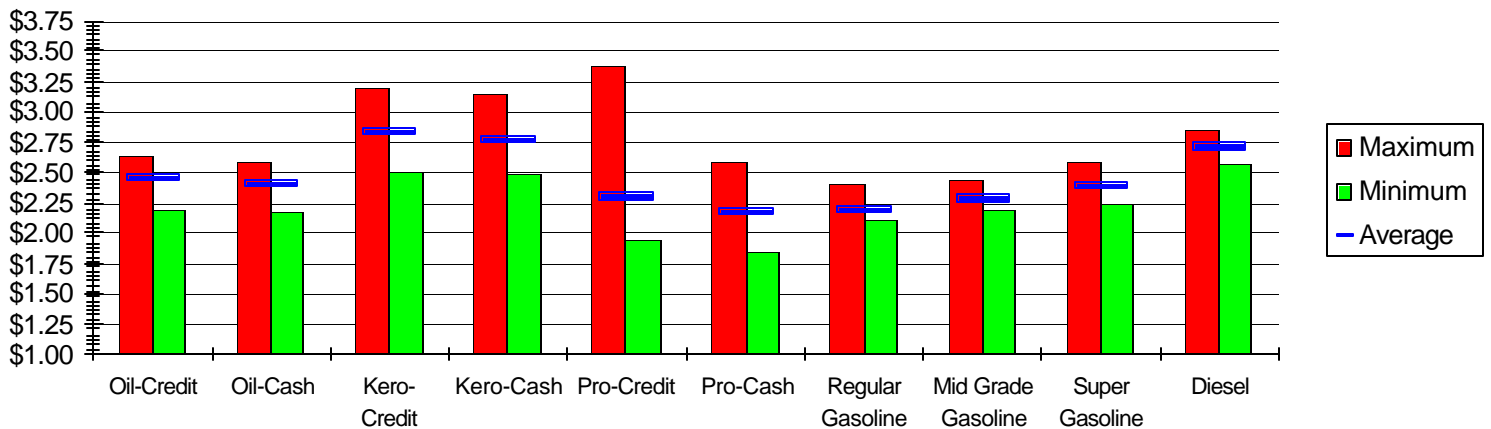
## One-Year Price Trend



## Vermont Average Retail Petroleum Prices (per gallon)

	Dec '05	Nov '05	%change	Dec '04	%change
No. 2 Fuel Oil	\$2.40	\$2.48	-3.15%	\$1.94	23.55%
Kerosene	\$2.76	\$2.88	-4.18%	\$2.18	26.43%
Propane	\$2.24	\$2.25	-0.48%	\$1.92	16.39%
Reg. Unleaded Gasoline	\$2.19	\$2.43	-9.85%	\$1.98	10.84%
Diesel	\$2.71	\$2.85	-5.07%	\$2.30	18.02%

## Fuel Price Ranges in Vermont



## Gasoline and Diesel Prices

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has reported that as of December 5th the national average retail price of regular gasoline was \$2.15 per gallon, and the New England average price was \$2.11 per gallon.

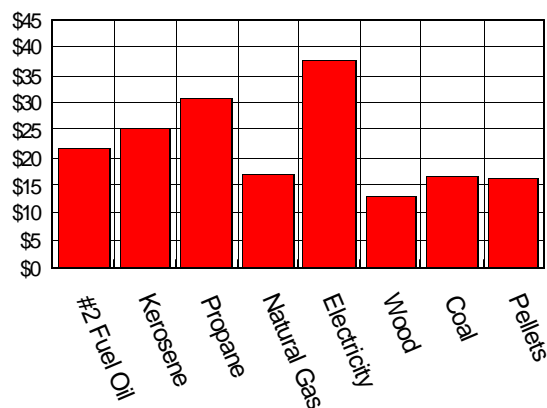
The national average retail diesel price decreased to \$2.43 per gallon this week and the New England average retail price was \$2.59 per gallon.

Additional information is available in the EIA report "This Week In Petroleum" at [www.eia.doe.gov](http://www.eia.doe.gov).

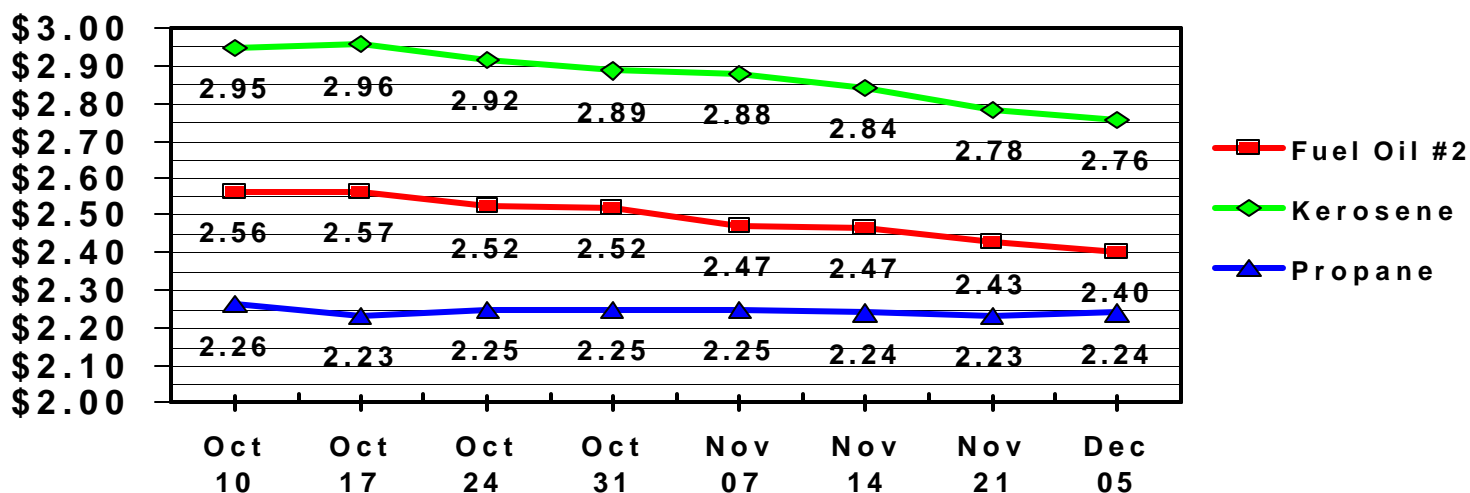
## Comparing the Cost of Heating Fuels

Type of Energy	BTU/unit	Adj Effic	\$/unit	\$/MMBtu
Fuel Oil, gallon	138,200	80%	\$2.40	\$21.72
Kerosene, gallon	136,600	80%	\$2.76	\$25.23
Propane, gallon	91,600	80%	\$2.24	\$30.55
Natural Gas, therm	100,000	80%	\$1.36	\$17.00
Electricity, kwh	3,412	100%	\$0.13	\$37.51
Wood, cord (green)	22,000,000	60%	\$170.00	\$12.88
Coal, ton	24,000,000	60%	\$242.50	\$16.84
Pellets, ton	16,400,000	80%	\$210.00	\$16.01

Cost per 1 Million BTU



## Weekly Average Fuel Prices



### Heating Oil and Propane Update

As of December 5th, the national average residential heating oil price was \$2.41 per gallon, which is a 10-cent decrease from last month. The national average residential propane price was \$1.94 per gallon, which is a 2-cent decrease from last month.

New England heating oil inventories are currently at 10.7 million barrels, which is 26% higher than this time last year.

Propane inventories are currently at the highest level since 1998 for this time of year. The EIA credits higher imports and decreased demand due to warmer-than-normal temperatures during October and November for the higher inventories.

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